

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.
2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR 9, Public Records.
3. The form number if applicable: N/A.
4. How often the collection is required: On occasion.
5. Who will be required to report: Individuals requesting access to records under the Freedom of Information or Privacy Acts, or to records that are already publicly available in the NRC Public Document Room.
6. An estimate of the number of responses: 13,656.
7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 13,656.
8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 3,459.
9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not Applicable.
10. Abstract: 10 CFR Part 9 establishes information collection requirements for individuals making requests for records under the Freedom of Information (FOIA) or Privacy Acts (PA). It also contains requests to waive or reduce fees for searching for and reproducing records in response to FOIA requests; and requests for expedited processing of requests. The information required from the public is necessary to identify the records they are requesting; to justify requests for waivers or reductions in searching or copying fees; or to justify expedited processing.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance

requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by September 22, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0043), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Brenda Jo Shelton,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-293]

Boston Edison Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Boston Edison Company (BECo) to withdraw its February 3, 1999, application, as supplemented on May 27, 1999, by BECo for approval of the indirect transfer of the Facility Operating License for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (Pilgrim).

The application was seeking approval of the indirect transfer of the Facility Operating License for Pilgrim held by BECo. The indirect transfer would have resulted from the planned formation of a new holding company, NSTAR, of which Commonwealth Energy System and BEC Energy, the parent company of BECo, are to become wholly owned subsidiaries. The approval is no longer needed since BECo sold its interest in Pilgrim to Entergy Nuclear Generation Company on July 13, 1999, and no longer holds the license for Pilgrim.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Approval of Application Regarding

Proposed Corporate Merger and Opportunity for Hearing published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32556). However, by letter dated July 20, 1999, the applicant, through counsel, withdrew the application.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated February 3, 1999, as supplemented May 27, 1999, and the applicant's letter dated July 20, 1999, which withdrew the application for approval of the indirect transfer. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-39 and DPR-48, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd or the licensee) for the Zion Nuclear Power Station (ZNPS) Units 1 and 2, located in Lake County, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would exempt the ZNPS, because of its permanently shutdown and defueled status, from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.47(b) regarding onsite and offsite emergency response plans and 10 CFR 50.47(c)(2) to establish plume exposure and ingestion pathway emergency planning zones.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated April 13, 1999, as